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TWO HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS PLUS LATEX PAINT EXCHANGE IN MAY

In the month of May, Lancaster County residents will have two opportunities to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), courtesy of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and their community partners.

- The first collection will be Friday, May 20, from 3-7 p.m. in Hickman, Nebraska, at the Community Center (115th & Locust St.).
- The second HHW Collection will be in Lincoln on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pfizer, Inc. facility at 601 West Cornhusker Highway.

Items accepted at the HHW collections include fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) and tubes, pesticides, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, mercury-containing items including thermometers, upholstery cleaners, grease removers and brake and power steering fluids.

Items that can be recycled or safely disposed of locally **will not** be accepted at the HHW collections: latex paint, motor oil, gas grill cylinders, pharmaceutical waste, electronics, and batteries. For information on recycling these items, check the city website at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycling) or call 441-8021.

Although latex paint cannot be accepted at HHW collections, residents can participate in the **Usable Latex Paint Exchange** at EcoStores Nebraska, 530 West P St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 21.

Households and individuals (not businesses) may donate paint in cans without rust or leaks.

Anyone can take free latex paint from the exchange: homeowners, landlords, churches, schools,

child cares, organizations, or businesses. Cans of usable paint must be at least half full with intact, readable labels; the paint cannot be lumpy when stirred, and should not have been frozen. EcoStores accepts non-usable paint for disposal at for \$2 per can—or residents can dry the paint using cat litter, shredded newspaper, or waste paint hardener and throw the hardened paint in the regular trash with the lid removed. Call EcoStores at 477-3606 for information on the paint exchange.